(b) what are the rates as at present being charged by DESU and NTPC State-wise/Union Territory-wise indicating the names of such industries; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to increase the power tariff of NTPC, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No norms have been fixed by the Ministry of Power to supply electricity at concessional rates to industries, since the SEBs are responsible for supply of power to the ultimate consumers, at appropriate rates, under the overall control of the respective State Governments.

(b) The rates being charged by DESU for supply of electricity to industrial consumers are as under:—

	(paise per unit)
i) Small Industrial Power	125
ii) Large Industrial Power	200 plus Rs. 60/- per KVA

NTPC, however, supplies power to SEBs in bulk and does not sell power to industrial consumers directly.

(c) The tariffs for supply of power from NTPC stations are fixed on the basis of two-part formula recommended by K.P. Rao Committee and are revised every five years.

Panki Thermal Power Station of UPSEB

2694. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Panki Thermal Power Station of the UPSEB has been failing to keep going its plants with maximum PLF during the current year due to faulty management, shortage of materials and inputs, wastage and thefts, siphoning out of funds of the plants;

(b) whether Central Government have been providing funds without any positive planning and generation of electricity by the plant management;

(c) whether corrupt practices have been on the increase in the Panki Thermal Power Station with colossal wastage of Government Funds;

(d) whether investigation has been ordered to identify the rate of corruption in higher managements; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) During the period April, 1993—July, 1993, the Plant Load Factor of Panki Thermal Power Station of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board was 36.3 per cent as against the target of 33.7 per cent. Managing affairs of the Panki Thermal Power Station is the prerogative of the concerned State Government who may conduct any inquiry into financial or other irregularities. No funds are provided by Central Government for operation and maintenance of the station. The station is, however, covered by Renovation and Modernisation Scheme under which funds for the specific purpose of Renovation and Modernisation are made available by Power Finance Corporation to the State Electricity Boards on loan basis.

Steps to offset T and D losses

2695. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government appointed an expert committee on power in 1980 to look into the transmission and distribution aspects of total power generation;

(b) if so, what follow-up action, if any, has been taken by Government;

(c) if so, has there been any improvement in transmission and distribution and losses in these have been reduced; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)